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CHESS: Fonthill teen representing Canada at world championships in South Africa

All the right moves

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Zach Dukic, an honours student by day at Notre Dame, is pretty good at his knight job,

Exceptionally good, in fact. The 17-year-old chess player not quite a master in the cerebral craft, but he's oh so close. Dukic's international rating is 1,930, just under the lofty 2,200 standard players need to attain to be regarded as chess masters.

Whether Dukic can boost his rating, and by how much, all depends on how he fares at the world championships taking place Sept. 19-30 in Durban, South Africa, The memher of both the Brock and St. Catharines chess club is hoping to at least go .500 in his 11 guaranteed matches at a tournament where a win earns a

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half a point.



Zach Dukic, 17, of Fonthill will be representing Canada at the World Chess Championships Sept. 19-30 in Durban, South Africa.

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UPFRONT

COMMUNITY: Farmers' markets are growing in popularity, but it's up to the customer to ask where the food was grown

Local market, local food?

DAN DAKIN

QMI Agency Niagara

At farmers' markets in Niagara and across Ontario this week, rows of fresh peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, green beans, cucumbers and other locally grown fruits and vegetables will be purchased from farming businesses big and

Many workers behind foldup tables and under pop-up tents that transform empty parking lots into outdoor markets will wear T-shirts with the oft-used slogan, "Farmers feed cities!" written on them.

The same mantra is printed on bright yellow cardboard signs in front of many of the family farms dotted across

Ontario's nearly 200 farmers' markets generate sales of \$700 million each year, and that is increasing by about 6%

annually Much of that push comes from people's growing desire to buy food grown close to home, the byproduct of which is more support for local farm-

But what if those fruits and vegetables sitting on those fold-up tables actually came from a massive food distribution warehouse in Toronto? Would people still feel the same about their local farm-

ers' market? With little oversight and a buying public that often doesn't question or pay attention to what's in season and when, it can happen more easily than you might think.

"There's considerable misrepresentation occurring." said Robert Chorney, executive director of Farmers' Markets Ontario, an association representing all but a handful of the province's markets.

"I don't think it's as blatant in the Niagara region as in other parts of Ontario, but it still happens."

Chorney has seen a lot of trickery and deceit in the Usually, he said, it involves

passing it off as their own pro-"Sometimes you'll see a stall where everything is polished and gleaming and it looks too good to be true.

There's a pretty good chance they're not a farmer," he said. This summer, there are 12 farmers' markets operating across Niagara and another three supper markets featuring mostly prepared-food

The St. Catharines market doesn't have a high enough ratio of local farmers to other vendors to qualify as a true

farmers' market under public health regulations In Ontario, 51% of all vendors have to be local farmers selling locally grown produce to be considered a farmers' market, But in St. Catharines. for example, many of the ven-

ulations for it to follow

that occurs elsewhere around dors sell snacks, meals, flow-Ontario, he said, is non-local ers and crafts, so Niagara farmers at bigger markets Region's public health departacting as though they're true ment has a different set of reg-

Farmers' Markets Ontario

Chorney said the St. developed a verification pro-Catharines market is open gram called MyPick in 2008 about the type of operation that allows vendors to display it is running, and he said the a sign if they are true local majority of produce sellers are Chorney called out the

Peterborough farmers' market The more serious problem as an example of one dominated by non-locals. "It is really controlled by resellers, hustlers and ped-

dlers," he said. "We have eight MyPick one farmer said 99% of what

farmers in there and they're he had was grown in the starting to make a dent. region because shoppers are going and saying 'Whoa, these guys are the real deal."

In St. Catharines on Thursday, there were 10 vendors selling fresh produce and all but two were local farmers.

Seven of the 10 were selling 100% Niagara-grown fruits and vegetables, while

The two non-local produce vendors were both selling at least some Niagaragrown products. One had all Ontario-grown produce while the other was selling a mix of Canadian and Americangrown goods - all of which

were labelled as such. See FOOD on Page 3



Shoppers at the downtown market in St. Catharines buy a flat of strawberries.

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'The exposure of markets is increasing'

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"Some people buy things (from distributors), but these should be all-local farmers' markets," said Fred Porpiglia, a Niagara-on-the-Lake grower who has been selling fruits and vegetables at markets since the early 1960s. Most of the local farmers said they

believe shoppers know what to look for. "Some people ask questions, or they know by the time of season," Porpiglia

When the Niagara-on-the-Lake farmers' market started up eight years ago, the decision was made to make it

entirely local. "In the beginning, there was a small group and the mandate was to support local farming," said Sharon Brinsmead-

Taylor, the market coordinator "All of our farmers are 100% Niagara with 100% of their own products. We don't allow anything that isn't grown

Like Chorney, Brinsmead-Taylor said the best way farmers' market shoppers can make sure they're buying local food is to ask questions of the vendors. "If you have any doubt, ask them What on the table did you grow," she

Part of the problem, she said, is that people don't understand what should be available during the different grow-

Right now, for example, cucumber, zucchini and lettuce are in prime season, but strawberries are just about past

"A lot of people who live here in Niagara have no idea what's in season at what time, because there are so many fruits and vegetables available yearround through grocery stores and other farmers' markets," Brinsmead-Taylor

"There's such a lack of understanding of where our food comes from and respect for what we can produce in Nia-

Nicole Cathcart, who was shopping for fresh strawberries, blueberries and greens last Thursday, said she used the trip to educate her two children.

I thought it would be a good experience to bring the kids down to talk to them about local food and how it's grown," she said. "I've become more aware of our food and where it's coming from and the environment."

Chorney believes consumers' desire to know more about what they're eating will continue to drive the industry

"Farmers' markets are sleeping giants," he said, estimating the St. Catharines market generated around \$10 million in sales last year.



Shopper at the downtown market in St. Catharines. Thursday July 31, 2014.

"Their economic impact would likely be \$25 million or \$30 million," he added. "There are eight to 10 new

kets is increasing." markets springing up every year, and a lot of markets are so successful they're opening up secdan dakin@sunmedia.ca Twitter: Ødandakinmedia ond days. The exposure of mar-

Public health rules oversee safety of market-sold food

QMI Agency Niagara

While there's no regulatory body overseeing the operations of farmers' markets, it's up to Niagara Region's public health department to ensure the food being sold is safe.

Markets where at least 51% of their vendors are local farmers fall into a category that allows less strict regulations over food preparation and storage than, for example. a brick and mortar restaurant.

"They have to serve safe food products. but the (same) regulations don't apply to them," said Andre Laflamme, manager of environmental health for Niagara Region. "We work on the education side of things because everyone - vendors. coordinators, visitors, public health all want a safe food product."

Every farmers' market in the region is inspected twice a season to make sure they're within the 51% guidelines and to ensure the products being sold are safe. Laflamme said so far in 2014, only one vendor was sent home, because the meat pies they were selling weren't being stored in a cold enough container.

"That is the exception ... people are usually aware of the rules," he said. Robert Chorney, the executive direc-

tor of Farmers' Markets Ontario, said the markets police themselves to avoid food safety issues.

very stringent and we pride ourselves on not having any food scares," he said. "If we did, it would be very damaging to us because the public's trust in food safety at farmers' markets is as good as or greater than what it is as a supermarket." If a market doesn't have enough local

farmers to meet the 51% guideline - like the St. Catharines market - all of the vendors fall under the same types of regulations as food trucks or outdoor food vendors.





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COMMENT

Proposed firearms law hits its target

he title of the Tories' latest proposed gun legislation is on target. The Common Sense Firearms Licensing Act is just that.

While people on both sides of the firearms debate may be unhappy with certain clauses, the changes strike the right balance.

First of all, it eliminates red tape. As the law stands, you need a permit whenever you want to transport a restricted weapon. Under the new law. transportation will simply be included under the licensing process.

This will save paperwork, time and tax dollars. Someone who is already

getting a licence for a restricted weapon has clearly shown they're serious about following the rules, including transportation.

Anti-gun activists who like to bring out the domestic violence argument should be happy with the proposed change that makes it easier for a judge to take away the guns of someone convicted of a

This too is common sense. These people have already outted themselves

as high risk. The firearms community may be unhappy with a mandatory safety course for first-time owners.

domestic assault

It's true that many prospective gun

owners already choose to take such a course prior to writing their test. They're clearly responsible and safe in their conduct. But this doesn't automatically mean there's no need to make it

compulsory.

Owning a firearm is a right in a society like ours. The government certainly has the right to place a monopoly on certain uses of force. But it doesn't have a right to place a monopoly on general access to force.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney put it well in his announcement, in which he said gun ownership is a "right, and it's a right that comes with responsibilities."

How can it not come with caveats? Firearms have the potential to do great harm if used improperly. Taking a safety course isn't too much to ask.

Having said that, everything should be done to ensure this mandatory course doesn't become its own cash grab and yet another bureaucratic behemoth. The anti-gun crowd can learn from this proposed law. Toronto mayoral candidate Olivia Chow's nitch for a total

handgun ban doesn't make sense. She confuses the law-abiding owners with the urban gun-crime criminals.

But this proposed legislation respects those who play by the rules.

Shipwrecks — Thorscarrier

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he Norwegian freighter Thorscarrier was built at Uddevalla, Sweden, in

It first came to the Great Lakes in 1966 and made two more trips inland in 1967. On July 13, 1967, the vessel dropped anchor while downbound in the St. Lawrence River near Cornwall and then ran over it. This punched a hole in the hull and resulted in a significant leak. The damage was repaired and the ship operated until going aground near Karachi, Pakistan, on June 21, 1979.

The vessel, now known as Nordave, was on a voyage from Karachi to Kandla, India, when driven aground by a monsoon. The ship became a total loss. While refloated, the 142.4-metre-long bulk carrier was only suitable for scrap and recycling. This was carried out in Pakistan.



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■ PUBLIC SAFETY: Jeff McGuire's name floated among candidates to replace Bill Blair

Niagara chief could be in line for Toronto job

Speculation on who will be Toronto's next police chief was a hot topic last Thursday with Niagara Regional Police Chief Jeff McGuire among the names floated in the media.

The buzz came after the Toronto Police Services Board announced it would not renew Chief Bill Blair's contract when it expires in April 2015

McGuire was the acting deputy chief in charge of specialized units with the Toronto service before making the jump to Niagara in June 2012.

On vacation, he wouldn't comment last Thursday on possible candidates to replace

"I am very proud of my career in law enforcement with both the Toronto Police Service and the Niagara Regional Police Service," he said in a statement, "I am honoured to be the Chief of the Niagara Regional Police Service and have no further comment

Other names bantered about by Toronto officers speaking anonymously to the Toronto Sun included current Toronto Deputy Chief Peter Sloly and Deputy Chief Mark Saunders — either

of whom would be Toronto's first black chief. Deputy Chief Mike Federico's name was also mentioned Outside contenders included Barrie

Police Chief Kim Greenwood, who would be Toronto's first female chief, and Hamilton's Chief Glenn De Caire

The Toronto Sun said McGuire might have an edge because of his time with the Toronto service.

Toronto police board chair Alok Mukherjee told the Sun that board members will discuss what they want in a new chief, gather input from the public and then likely hire a consultant to help find the "best" chief for the city. Rob Ford told reporters last Thursday

he wants to see "the best person that's qualified for the job" become the city's new top cop. He shrugged off questions as to whether the new chief should be an internal or external hire. "It's not my decision," Ford cautioned

Thursday, "My personal opinion is I want to see someone who is going to find efficiencies and keep our city safe "We're going to have a new police serv-

ices board, obviously, it is their decision and take it from there. McGuire was with the Toronto service

Niagara Regional Police Chief Jeff McGuire is 'honoured' to lead the NRP. Speculation suggests he could be in line for Toronto post.

for 34 years, joining in 1977 at age 18. He was in charge of Toronto's homicide squad, led the downtown 51 Division and became

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acting deputy chief overseeing 19 specialized units. He took the NRP's top job after chief Wendy Southall retired after

seven years when her contract expired in March 2012.

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■ POLICE: Welland man facing numerous charges

Motorcyclist busted doing 161 km/h in 50-km/h zone

OMI Agency Niagara A Welland man had his motorcycle impounded and is facing nine traffic offences after being caught driving 161

km/h in a 50-km/h zone last Thursday afternoon The Niagara Regional Police's special enforcement unit was out doing a traffic safety campaign when officers were made

aware of a motorcycle being operated at a dangerously high rate of speed in Thorold. Police said the man was travelling 111 km/h over the posted speed limit along the

Welland Canals Parkway. He was caught at at about 2:40 p.m. near Lock 6 in Thorold. "It's ridiculously dangerous," said Sgt. Jacqueline Fuentes of the NRP's traffic unit. "If you think about it, the OPP officer

who was just injured was probably doing about 115 km/h and he was very seriously injured. This person was doing 161 km/h, which is faster than any vehicle should ever travel. It's just unbelievable."

Fuentes said the stunt was especially dangerous because of the parkway's proximity to the canal path, which is often filled with cyclists, runners and kids.

"I've had to go fast in my career at times and it's terrifying. To do that on a motorcycle?" she said NRP Const. Derek Watson said the

motorcycle was a 2007 Honda CBR, which is a racing bike with at least a 600cc engine capable of reaching speeds of more than

The 45-year-old Welland man was charged with stunt driving, driving while suspended, speeding, driving with no insurance, not having a valid permit and other traffic offences. Police were not identifying the man.

The stunt driving charge, for anything over 50km/b over the speed limit, carries with it an automatic seven-day licence suspension and the vehicle is impounded for seven days. The maximum conviction for the stunt driving charge is \$10,000, loss of up to six demerit points and possible jail

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DUKIC

'If you make a mistake, that could be the game'

"I'll be happy with any combination that adds up to 11. It's all about the game experience and playing the best players in the world," the son of John and Sandra Dukic of

Fonthill said. Competing at the worlds is but the latest reward for someone who began playing chess as a Grade 4 student at St. Alexander School, but who didn't start becoming a chess player until he began competing against adults about five years later.

"That's when I realized I wasn't that good in chess," he said of an eve-opening experience that instead of causing him to fold his board and put away the pieces strengthened a resolve to "get serious about the game."

"It encouraged me to do better," said Dukic, who qualified to represent Canada at

the worlds by going 4-2-1 at the national championships earlier this month in Mon-

The world championships don't get underway until six weeks from now, but the national team doesn't have to worry about Dukic becoming complacent and being rooked into a sense of overconfidence between now and then. When he isn't matching wits in a "battle of the board" against live competion, Dukic has been known to spend hours on his computer playing online and writing down every move.

"It's a good way to connect and meet players near your After each match - win,

lose or draw, across the board or on broadband - the budding chess master remains mated to his laptop going over every move that was made in

To Dukic, the post-game more about the game. Howanalysis is critical to learning from mistakes and develop. ing a strategy to benefit from an opponent's missed opportunties. The lesson that chess,

like life, has consequences is among the points John Dukic emphasized when he taught his son how to play chess.

"If you make a mistake. that could be the game. It all depends on how bad the mistake is, or if your opponent to is good enough to catch it," said John Dukic, who over time become the student in his household.

"I taught him how to play. Now, he's teaching me how to play properly," the father added with a laugh. Dukic, an 80 to 90% student whose best subject is. not surprisingly, math, used to play soccer but nowadays

spends more time either hon-

ing his chess skills or learning

without playing." Yeah, but what about the

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preoccupation.

nights, this reporter asks rhetorically in a followup. The good-natured ribbing catches Dukic off-guard, but his father responds with a

ever while chess is a passion.

he stopped short of calling it a

"I definitely have gone days

"He's got you there! I've heard you staying up playing online." John Dukic said. Zach Dukic enjoys the last laugh when he's asked

whether members of Notre Dame's chess club are regarded as nerds by their schoolmates. "Probably, but I'm the one who gets to go to South

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Kick Cancer Cup aiding Hope

Welland soccer fields on Rice Rd. will be a hub of activity when the Kick Cancer Cup in Memory of Julia Turner returns for its third imstalment.

More than 20 teams, each paying a \$100 charitable entry fee to support the Hope Centre, will start taking to the back fields at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Games are run skr-versussix on the field and include players of all ages, whether regular soccer players are those just coming out for camaraderie and to support the Hope Centre. Teams can be a maximum of 10 players and at least two females must be on the field at all times. The tournament concludes

with a "championship game." "it's all for fun," co-host Daniela Cousineau says of the event named after the 15-yearold Notre Dame College School student who died of a brain tumour in late 2011

Also featured at the fundraiser will be a barbecue. ice cream, face-painting and

draws. Sponsors are needed to help with prizes and to offset a new \$500 field rental. Although the rental fee was dropped 50% for the fundraiser, this is the first year it has had to pay for use of the fields since they fell under new management, Cousineau says.

To be a sponsor or to register a team, contact Cousineau at 905-933-5829 or daniela_cousineau@hotmail. com, or co-host Sam Macsai at

289-228-0090 More details can be found on Facebook at http://on.fb. me/lpp0Ray.

MP, MPP hosting BBO, art display

Burgers, hotdogs and artistic talent is being served up by Welland MP Malcolm Allen and MPP Cindy Forster. The New Democrats

host their second annual community barbecue at Battle of Beaverdams Park on Sullivan Ave. in Thorold this Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be free hotdogs

and hamburgers, face-painting, a demonstration by Mad Science and live music On Friday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., a community art exhibition will be held in their Welland

constituency offices, both at King and Division Sts. Art show organizer Holley Corfield said 10 artists are participating in the exhibit. and each of them are bringing multiple pieces to display on

the walls of the politicians offices. She said the exhibit will feature a variety of art styles and mediums, such as oil paintings and photography. In April, a similar exhibition called Start Small was hold at

the constituency offices. Man charged after Port

Colborne incident A 34-year-old Port Colborne man has been charged

with uttering threats and possession of a weapon Niagara Regional Police responded to a house on Clark St. at about 5:30 p.m. Thursday after neighbours complained about a man allegedly acting erratically and threatening

them with a knife. The man had left the scene by the time police arrived, but he was arrested nearby a short time later. Charged with two counts of uttering threats and possession of a weapon is

Kevin Onis Car show at GM plant Care trucks and bikes are in

the spotlight at General Motors of Canada's plant show in shine and open house on Aug. 8. The 16th annual event takes place at the St. Catharinws GM

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Antipastos hosting a barbeque. Also featured will be displays of two 2015 Carnaros. What's described as a

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dropped off at your municipal clerk's office. More information is available through www.niagaracomplianceaudit.ca Deadline for applications is Friday, August 22, 2014.

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Nominations are to be submitted in the prescribed form, accompanied by a Declaration of Qualification, also in the prescribed form, signed by the person being nominated and accompanied by the applicable fee. As of the date of creation of this Notice, the fee is \$200 for the Office of Mayor, and \$100 for all other Offices and may be paid by cash, debit, certified cheque, or money order. Proof of citizenship and qualifying address will be required.

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Report shows Niagara economy on slow rebound

DON FRASER

OMI Agency Niagara Sunnier economic times are forecast for Niagara after several

years of relative gloom. That's the gist of a metropolitan outlook report released this week by the Conference Board of Canada.

A big part of that optimism comes from a slow recovery in manufacturing, shared by other areas in the country and driven by a strengthening of demand from the U.S.

"We are expecting a bit of a rehound, but it will be on the slow side," said Greg Sutherland, an economist with the Conference Board, after analyzing the region's overall data.

The report says real gross

"We have a moderately positive outlook*

strong indicator of a local economy's health — has fallen over the past three years in the area. Last year's 0.6% expansion was the smallest since a contraction in 2009. However, the next five vears will see modest uptick in GDP ranging from a 1.2% to 1.6%

change per year When calculated from 2009-2018, it places the area ninth best out of 15 metropolitan areas in Canada. The area calculations did not include Grimsby and West Lincoln, which are part of the Hamilton metro census area.

Last year also saw a 4% decline in employment, with the unemployment rate rising to 8.5% from 8% in 2012.

However, the news again becomes somewhat upbeat, according to the report. Employment is set to rebound

domestic product growth - a next year and continue rising. with the unemployment rate fore-

cast to tumble to 6.3% by 2018. "In a nutshell very, very modest." said Dolores Fabiano, executive director of the Niagara Falls and Welland/Pelham chambers of commerce

"But it is good news." She said the report pointed to the new Outlet Collection at Niagara in Niagara-on-the-Lake for its positve impact on slowing cross-border shopping to the

U.S. while pumping up local retail The report also points to an

expansion in the troubled manufacturing sector by 3.7% this year and smaller hikes in subsequent

As another sign of a possible manufacturing rebound, it says Niagara Region's economic development department survey

found three-quarters of manufacturing decision-makers expect their business to

Construction has been painted as a weaker sector recently, but one that will also turn around to reflect 1.7% growth in 2015 and similar advances in follow-

ing years.
"Manufacturing wasn't devastated overnight, it took 20 years to get there and (recovery) is going to be a steady long road," Fabiano said.

"I think when we get these little wins, we need to feel good about them and

carry on. Niagara Region director of economic development Bob Seguin pointed out the forecasts can be helped or hurt by

changes in world economic and political conditions that can't be predicted. That said, "the outlook is more positive than one would have thought for the last couple of years," he said, adding in some

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ways that reflects the national direction Seguin also pointed to investments

by Niagara Region, other public entities. post-secondary institutions and the private sector. Taken as a whole, they indicate "things working as they should. We should see a rebound.

That also includes efforts by Niagara manufacturers to "find new business, get their costs in line, be more competitive and open up new marketplaces.

"A number of things are in the right place (but) it might take some lag. He adds if things like GO Train expansion to Niagara and electricity rate relief

for businesses take place, it could provide a further economic injection. The Conference Board report and other board research is available at www.elibrary.ca

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FUN IN THE SUN: Niagarans are keeping tabs on water quality at seasonal hotspots

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When Niagarans head to

the beach, must-haves include a towel, sunscreen and Inter-Port Colborne mom Barb

Wagner makes it a regular practice to refer to Niagara Region's online guide to safe swimming spots.

She did so last Monday evening while with a neighbour as she made plans for the following Tuesday that included a trip to Nickel Beach with her three children

and three of their friends My neighbour actually checked, while I was sitting

with her, with her cellphone." The region makes water quality test results for the 26 municipal beaches it inspects available at www.niagararegion.ca/living/water/ beaches, from May to the end

of August. "It's one of our most visited sites," says public health spokeswoman Carrie Beatty.

"We get a lot of mobile (phone) traffic." Views, she says, typically

spike on Fridays, leading into weekend days off. Online beach details include whether water is safe

for swimming, water temperature, maps, information about beach amenities such as washrooms and parking, and links to weather forecasts for both lakes Erie and Ontario.

We're ecstatic to see that people are using it," says Blorn Newfoundland and Labrador Christensen, the region's director of environmental

He says traffic to the region's beaches web page is second only to that for the upper-tier municipality's Niagara Info Dine, which reports restaurant inspection details. including health code viola-

Beaches are posted unsafe for swimming - "We don't

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close beaches," says Christensen - when water tests show unacceptable levels of E. coli bacteria or because of floating debris, oil, excessive weed growth, bad odours and turbidity

The health department says swimming in these waters could cause ear, eye, nose, throat and skin infections and. if ingested, cause diarrhea.

To what degree an individual may be harmed depends on a variety of factors, including length of exposure and autoimmune system and age - children potentially at the highest risk of illness.

But "swimming in polluted water can always put people at risk," he says. Anyone with symptoms

should contact their doctor. Wagner wants to avoid those ricks "Ear infections are the last

thing you want to deal with." she says as her young charges splash about, "I try to tell the kids not to put their heads underwater just to be sure.

Joining Wagner at the Port Colborne hotspot is Teena Dovle, who just moved back to Niagara Falls after living in

for eight years. She has no children, but

she, too, says it's important to monitor beach conditions.

"Whether you get (the water) in your eyes or not, you've got pores," Doyle says.
"I'm not going to have a day of fun to come home sick and then go to the doctor's office

Rainfall can impact on

water quality, for example, by causing sewage overflows, although steps, most notably at Lakeside Beach in Port Dalhousie, have been taken to improve sewer infrastructure.

Heat, on the other hand. when combined with calm conditions and shallow water can yield the ideal breeding ground for bacteria," the health department's Christensen says, noting also that bacteria embedded in sands can be carried back to bathing waters by wind-fuelled waves. "There's a lot of science at

Unlike a swimming pool, for which water is controlled, filtered and chlorinated, uncontrolled beaches are at the whims of Mother Nature.

Three of Niagara's largest beaches - Nickel Beach, Lakeside Beach and Bay Beach in Crystal Beach - are monitored seven days a week. Other "high-use" beaches are monitored no less than five days a week, he says,

But he also cautions: testing results may not always be an accurate way to gauge whether you or your children go swimming as conditions can change quickly due to the weather. And for some of the smaller beaches, water sampling results aren't returned from labs for 48 hours.

The purpose of our site is so that people can make an informed decision," says Christensen. "Nobody is saying you can't go in the water

But if one beach is posted unsafe for swimming, people can simply refer to the region's website to pick another desti-Christensen says there's

been nothing out of the ordinary this season in terms of unsafe swimming conditions, which can typically arise after a heavy rainfall.

More information on the beaches monitored by the health department is also available by calling the Beach Hotline at 905-688-8248 ext.

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Riverdale Kid (CBC) with two female artists and local Jim Yorfido as Johnny Cash. The show also features The Saturday Night Band and includes the sound of fiddle and steel guitar. The stories and songs are delivered as they were done every Saturday night from The

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CANADIAN COAST GUARD

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Life aboard the Private Robertson V.C.



GEER RUNNINGEN/SIAF PRO
Commanding Officer Steven Pauley of the Coast Guard vessel Private Robertson V.C., awaits Canal Days
Marine Heritage Festival Visitors in Port Colborne.



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It's the nation's most advanced crime-fighting tool on water — and it's also home to a close-knit crew.

It was two years ago in Halifax that the Canadian Coast Guard took command of the *Private Robertson V.C.* from Irving Shipbuilding.

Part of Canada's response to 9/11, it is the first of nine Hero-Class vessels built or near completion to patrol inland waterways and oceans.

Operating with a crew of nine Coast Guerd officers — "Coastles" — and as many as five RCMP, OPP or local police officers, or fisheries officers, Private Robertson is responsible for patrolling southwestern Ontario, including lakes Erie, St. Clair and Huron. "It's the latest and greatest tech-

"It's the latest and greatest technology we have," says Commanding Officer Steven Pauley, as the ship was docked along Port Colborne's historic West St. for the Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival. "To be the first crew is an honour."

He speaks of a similar honour when referring to the vessel's namesake.

First World War Pte. James Peter Robertson of Nova Scotia, of the 27th Infantry Battalion, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for overtaking a German machine gun unit on Nov. 6, 1917, and later rescuing two wounded soldiers under fire. He died the private 's story, with his image, hangs in the ship's dining area, or the mess.

The 42-metre-long Private Robertson has a top cruising speed of 25 knots and its primary role, as a multipolice agency vessel — "When we work with more agencies, it's more bang for the buck," Pauley says — is to provide water security and border patrol to combat such things as smuggling people, drugs, weapons or alcohol, its secondary role is in search and rescue.
It's equipped with extensive radar

and satellife systems and communications equipment. It can be found on the bridge, on deck, in the engine room and even sleeping quarters. Chief engineer Mike Heslinga, who hails from Courtland, Ont., can control all operating functions of the ves-

sel from a touch-screen computer beside his bunk. There are more than 12 kilometres of computer wiring throughout the ship. Heslinga notes during a tour of

its mechanical rooms Thursday.

Closed-circuit cameras monitor for
safety and security throughout the

\$22-million vessel on which the working men and women speak in multiple acronyms. For example, the Private Robertson has two RIBs — rigid-hull inflatable boats — and its crew functions as a Marine Security Enforcement Team.

Chief Officer Ted van Gaalen of Amherstburg, Ont., a former classmate of Heslinga, both graduates of the Coast Guard college in Sydney, N.S., has been with the service for the past 31 years. He wouldn't have it any

other way.

"You have to think outside the box on these types of jobs," van Gaalen says. "It changes the pace up really

nicely."

He says public relations opportunities, such as Canal Days, are a great way of not only introducing the tools Canada has to protect its residents, but to ensage them in a way that they

know they are also important for being eyes and ears of the enforcers. Unlike in the U.S. where its coast guard falls under its armed forces, Canada's Coast Guard is an arm of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Only the police on board are armed. The Canadian Coast Guard crew spends two weeks on 24/7 duty followed by two weeks off, while police rotate shifts weekly.

Acting petty officer and chief cook Larry White of Port Colborne has been with the Coast Guard for 13 years.

"It's given me a quality of life I like," he says, adding he relishes being able to spend longer periods of time with his family. At 61. White is the "senior officer"

on board. He started as a steward, was eventually recruited and trained to be a chef, and has just qualified to become a logistics, or supply, officer. "It'd have to be one of the best jobs I've had," White says, putting it up there with his years of running a hab-

erdashery.
Second Officer Elizabeth Terron, of
Windsor, says the Coast Guard, too,
has offered her a rewarding career

"It's not like everyday 9 to 5," she says before dashing off on a supply run. "This is home, this is your fam-

The Private Robertson patrols April to December. Work in the colder months is concentrated on ensuring its ship-shape for the next season. Life aboard the Private Robertson,

says Pauley, is always an adventure. "We fill every moment of the day."

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OPERATION DRY WATER: Police working to keep Niagara's waterways safe

Keep the beer on the pier

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There haven't been any accidental drownings in Niagara this year and the Niagara Regional Police marine unit is focused on keeping it that way especially when it comes to boating safety.

The NRP was patrolling Niagara's lakes and rivers over the long weekend as part of Operation Dry Water, a Canada-wide campaign aimed at decreasing injury and death related to operating a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"People tend to treat boating as a recreational activity," Const. Tim Faton said. "They don't think driving a boat is as serious as driving a vehicle because you are in wide open conditions and out on the water having fun." Eaton and his partner,

Const. Jason Irving, took to Lake Erie last Thursday in one of the NRP's patrol boats, a 30-foot Zodiac with twin

THE RULES

- In Ontario, drinking alcohol on board a boat in motion is against the law. Boaters can only drink alcohol on boats with
- sleeping, cooking and washroom facilities and only when those boats are docked or at anchor. ■ Anyone caught operating a boat while impaired can

face criminal charges and a driver's licence suspension. The penalties also apply to anyone caught drinking and operating vessels such as canoes, kayaks, personal watercraft, sailboats, dinghies and other inflatable boats and rafts.

300-horsepower engines that can run at a top speed of about 100 km/h.

There were 10-foot waves on the lake during the patrol. which kept recreational boaters ashore, but the swells were no problem for the durable police boat. Drinking and boating

account for 40% of boating accidents, a Canadian Safe Boating Council news release

"If you have been drinking, you can't think as clearly and your skills and abilities are diminished," Eaton said. "There are swimmers, let-Skis and other vessels out here. Safety is of the utmost importance, especially here on Lake Erie, Within 10 minutes you can go from a nice calm day to six- to 10-foot waves, and if you are not prepared, and aren't experienced navigating these waters, you can find yourself in trouble

"And when you get charged with impaired operation of your vessel, the penalty carries over to your driver's

licence as well. The marine unit conducts patrols in parts of Lake



Niagara Regional Police marine unit on Lake Erie. They are expecting the civic holiday to be a big weekend on the water and will be checking for boaters and alcohol. Constables Tim Eaton and Jason Irving are shown on board the boat.

Ontario, Lake Erie and the Niagara River, Education and enforcement are their main duties, Eaton said. They are constantly checking boater

"The majority of our interactions are friendly," Eaton said, "Most people thank us for being out here. Eaton recounted a time he plucked a grandmother and

her granddaughter from the Frie waters "They were off the camping

area on Long Point on one of those six-foot inflatable dinghies," he said, "No life-jackets. No safety equipment. They had a paddle. There was a northeast wind pushthere were in distress." ing them out into the lake and they couldn't keep up with the

"My partner and I were on routine patrol, and we saw them and knew they were way too far from shore, Right away they asked for help and said they couldn't get back. They were too far out to signal anyone and had no way to display

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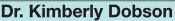
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■ ROWING: Second time the charm for Jacob Koudys at world championships

Crossley grad steers Canada to gold as crew's coxswain

metre final.

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Jacob Koudys doesn't regard the gold medal he won at the World Rowing Under-23 Championships as the sport's equivalent to a windfall in fre-

quent flyer points.

Though he didn't have an oar in his hands and wasn't among the rowers who swept Canada's men's coxed four to a come-from-behind victory July 26 in Italy, the 20-year-old Fonthill native bristles at the suggestion that he was "just along for the ride" as the crew's coxswain.

"You don't have to worry about being sensitive. I've heard them all before," a chuckling Koudys said of specializing in a position that outside of rowing circles - and sometimes in - is under-appreciated and thought of as an after-thought, if it's thought of all.

Koudys, who in September will be entering his fourth year as a psychology major at University of Victoria, has heard coxies dismissed as ballast and as passengers taking in a regatta from the best seat in the house.

"Crews who say that have never rowed with a good coxswain," he said after taking part in his second world championships as a member of the national under-23 team.

Indeed, the E.L. Crossley Secondary School graduate transferred to UVic after two years at Oueen's University in Kingston to be closer to Rowing Canada's national training site on Elk Lake on Vancouver Island

Coxswains, he said, steer the boat and, as the only one among the crew with access to the stroke rate, know exactly when the next phase of a race plan needs to kick in.

"There is a lot of technique involved. It's a pretty important role for guiding the boat," he said in describing the coxswain as "coach within the boat. When it comes to training, there's

no separation between rowers and coxies. Every one in the boat is tired and bleary-eyed when they hit the water before dawn. 'You're in the boat every single day

with the crew, and you go over the race plan each and every day." Though it hardly started that way,

it was Canada's race plan that wound up winning the day in the gold medal race at the worlds. Coach Terry Paul's crew of Trofym Anderson, a Crossley alum heading into his senior year as a

University: Martin Barakso: Tim Shriiver and Michael Thornton was fifth a quarter of the way into the 2,000-

Maintaining their 37-stroke rate, the Canadians took the lead at the 1,000metre mark and never relinquished their front-running position despite a late challenge from other countries

nearing the finish line. Koudys said the die for Canada's gold medal was cast in the qualifying heat against New Zealand. He suggested beating the New Zealanders at their own game — a strong push in the three-quarter phase of race would not have been possible had Canada not had the luxury of scouting 'the boat to beat" in the repechage or

The Canadians found themselves trailing New Zealand by about three to four seat lengths with 550 metres remaining in the qualifier. Normally, Canada wouldn't being its finishing push until there was only 450 metres left in the race, but Shrijver, setting the pace from the stroke position in the boat, decided to get into the higher gear.

We put on an early finish and they tried to get ahead, but they ran out of

Koudys said Shrijver made the right call knowing that a bye into the final was at stake by placing first in the

qualifier "When you're faced with a situation like that, when you have the opportunity to rest, you put everything on the line and go for it

The bye freed Canada to observe New Zealand in the repechage. That, Koudys said, proved to a boon for Canada.

"Instead of being in a race and worrying about your own race plan, you can observe crews objectively," he

Last year Anderson and Koudys were crewmates in a men's coxed four that finished fifth for Canada at the world under-23 finals in Austria In September Koudys once again

will be steering a boat for Canada at an international competition. He has been selected as the coxswain for the men's eight that will represent Canada at the World University Championships in Gravelines, France.

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SPORTS

■ ROWING: Welland native realizes dream at under-23 championship in Italy

World championship gold

DAN DAKIN

OMI Agency Niagara Trofym Anderson had just finished up a training session with his Canadian rowing team crew in Victoria, B.C. seven

weeks ago when the group made a decision that would culminate in a world championship. "Someone made a comment that we

should just try to win it," the 22-year-old Anderson said in a phone interview from The Welland native was sitting at

the Milan airport getting ready to fly to Greece for some much-needed rest 48 hours after he and the rest of Canada's men's coxed four crew won gold at the World Under-23 Rowing Championships in nearby Varese, Italy, on July 26.

Anderson said when he looks back at that conversation at the national training centre in Victoria, he realizes it was a catalvst for the team

"It quickly changed from the goal being just getting a medal to winning being the only thing that needed to happen or we would be disappointed."

Anderson started rowing in 2006 in high school and helped both Notre Dame and E.L. Crossley rack up numerous prestigious titles, including gold medals at the Canadian Henley, Canadian Secondary School Rowing Championships and the Stotesbury Cup Regatta.

By 2010 he made Canada's national junior men's eight team, which won the B final of the World Championships in the Czech Republic. He went on to row for George Washington University, where he majored in business administration and is headed back to take his masters in the

Anderson made the national under-23 team and went back to the World Championships in Austria last year, but after the men's coxed four team made it to the finals and finished fifth, he was motivated to podium this time around.

"It was kind of an eye-opener," he said of the 2013 worlds. "Up until then my goal was always just to make the team. After we made it but didn't win, my goal

was to win a medal." Anderson was the only returning member of the men's coxed four team, but he

Varese all had the same focus. "We had a really good group of guys and everyone had the same determination to win."

After winning their heat race, they advanced straight to the final July 26. "That was a long two days trying to keep our heads together and to keep on

track. Looking back it was stressful," he said. In the end, though, the Canadians edged out New Zealand by half a second to win gold. It was Canada's first men's

under-23 medal in five years It also marked the end of Anderson's junior career.

He'll be too old to race under-23 next year and with his four years of eligibility at the collegiate level now complete, his focus over the winter will be training to make Canada's senior men's team for the Pan Am Games in Ontario next August.

"It would be pretty epic," he said of racing at the Henley course in St. Catharines. which will host the rowing events for the Pan Ams, "It would be great to be home in St. Catharines where it all started for

Anderson's long-term goal is the make the 2020 Olympic team.

"Canada is really focusing on the four and the quad and it's a pretty established team, so it's probably quite late for Rio (2016), but I think if I could make the Olympics it would be 2020 that would be realistic," he said.

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Trofym Anderson, left, celebrates after the Canadian men's coxed four team won the 2014 World Under-23 Rowing Championship gold medal in Varese, Italy,



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There is something magical about a walk in the country on a summer afternoon. We have the same sunlight, birdsong, trees, meadows and flowers at home, and yet today's walk along the Lake Huron shoreline renewed my sense of woorder.

Could it be a sense of freedom that comes from being on holiday that transforms the everyday into the sublime?

Sunlight slips between the trees, creating soft patterns of shadow and light, unfamiliar bird song echoes in the treetops, the incessant wind roars along the shoreline. Before long, my mind has relaxed and travels to quiet, simple moments of colour along the route.

In the distance, a patch of vibrant orange day lilles catches my eye and I slow down to enjoy the display.

Old-fashloned, sturdy and dependable, single orange dayillies (Hemerocallis fulva), often diubbed ditch-illies and considered too plain for sophisticated gardens, are underappreciated. Planted en masse and left to their own devices, a substantial hedge of green, blade like leaves supports tall of green, the control of t

A superb colonizer, this daylily has naturalized in many parts of the country and is often seen growing along roads, often in very poor soil.

Daylilies are adaptable perennials, easy to grow, quick to multiply and virtually pest-fee. As a problem solver, this species curbs soil erosion when planted on slopes and is rabbit-resistant. Patches of similar orange daylilies

have colonized quiet areas along the road; my eye is drawn to the next patch of colour. The play of colour in this humble

ditch is fascinating. Wands of purple loosestrife (I know, it's a thug) create a cheerful colour pairing with the tawny daylilles. It's a colour combination I would not brawe at home, and yet it looks quite striking.

In the background, patches of pinkish-

mauve Joe-Pye weed (Eupatorium) are just coming in to flower. Joe-Pye weed appears in the ditches

along country roads in Grey and Bruce counties and is a magnet for bees and butterflies alike. If you are looking for a plant that doesn't mind having wet feet, pond-side or in a low-lying area, this plant is ideal.

I like to see the plants peeking out between tall grasses and reeds along a country road. At home, they are quite happy to form a sturdy patch along the back of my perennial border.



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Eupatorium maculatum 'Gateway,' stands four feet tall, blooms from late July until well into the autumn. Offer Joe-Pye weed humus-rich, moist soil in full sun or part shade, and it will be virtually trouble-free.

The cottage road ends in a gravel lane, the last leg of my route before a I pick up the woodland trail.

the woodland trail.

The gravel road enjoys a sunny disposition and is edged with patches of ox-eye daisies and blue chicory plants. Chicory (Cichorium intybous), so

common along dry, inhospitable roadsides throughout southern Ontario, is a fascinating plant. Wiry stems spread laterally and bear delicate-looking, powder blue flowers with 16 to 20 strap-like toothed petals.

Pink and white strains, through less common, are also found. Flowers, usually in groups of two or three, appear along the stem on a leaf axd in July and August, and are sensitive to light — they open early in the morning and often close by noon, but will stay open longer on cloudy days.

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A low rosette of dandelion-like leaves appears at the base of each plant, the young leaves are edible as a salad green. The deep traproot was once dried, ground and used as a coffee substitute. A blend of chicory powder and coffee is

A blend of Chicory powder and cottee is still served in New Orleans. Chicory is frequented by bees and butterflies. Roadside and meadow plants teach valuable lessons. If only we slow down

and listen to their stories. We can learn about suitable plant habitats by observing which plant families prefer a moist site over a dry, gravely environment.

Meadow gardens offer insights into combining flower colour, texture and form in new and unusual ways. We

might not want to grow these exact plants, but they demonstrate evolving palettes of colour. Studying nature provides valuable insights that we can apply to our home gardens. Tomorrow morning, I'll be heading

out along the country roads with my camera to study Mother Nature's handiwork. It's a great way to relax.

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Library Notes

For PelhamNews Then this column appears in the Pelham News it will be Aug. 7 and almost the last day of the summer children's programs at

Pelham Public Library. There will be one segment of Mad Science - namely Lights. Colour, Action - on Aug. 12, and the end of the summer reading club that same week. The reading club barbecue - children who signed up for the club will get a free hotdog or hamburger and a drink - will be at noon on Friday, Aug. 15. The only other event, which is open to both children and adults, is the ice-cream social and involves making ice cream in a baggie and then consuming the result. Delicious! It takes place at 2 p.m. on Monday, 2Aug. 25, and costs \$4 a person. Pre-registration required (so we can order sufficient supplies to prevent anyone going

icecreamless'). For adults, there is a program called Be Smart, Stay Safe on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on using medications safely. Pharmacist Frank Sicoli of the Fonthill Shoppers Drug Mart will also talk about the services available to help seniors and caregivers manage the various

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medications. This is free, but please pre-register.

The other program of note is Grimsby Beach: Then and Now on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who knew or knows Grimsby Beach or has an interest in vernacular Ontario architecture will enjoy John Allan's contemporary and historic photos of the village and his talk about restoring his own home. Cost is \$4 a person. Registration is required.

As always, there are TGIF Crafting sessions from 1 p.m. to 3:30 n.m. on Friday the 8th and 15th, a Gadget Clinic on Saturday the 9th from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and a meditation group on the same day from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Easybridge takes place 10 a.m. to noon on Monday the 11th.

And last, but by no means

least, there is the library's giant book sale, which caters to everyone, young and old. As usual, our patrons and friends are being incredibly generous with their donations of books, games, puzzles, etc., and we anticipate another spectacular event. The sale starts on Monday, Aug. 18. and will continue until Saturday. Aug. 23, whenever the library is open. Come one, come all! Get rid of your old books. Buy other people's.

ABOVE GROUND POOL SALE

And speaking of books, check out the flood of new ones that cataloguer Clare has been shepherding onto the shelves of the library. Just picking at random, there are new novels by all the usual suspects: Alafair Burke, Orson Scott Card, Linda Fairstein, Diana Gabaldon, Eric Van Lustbader, lames Patterson, Ridley Pearson and Nancy Thaver.

There are also many by less familiar authors. One patron commented that All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr, a first novel, was the best that person had read for years, and that Chevy Stevens, also a rela-

tively new author, was very good. In non-fiction, A Long Way Home by Saroo Brierley, the story of an Indian boy who got separated from his family on the train and was brought up in England by kind strangers, and finally found his way back to his village in India as an adult, sounds extraordinary. What Makes Olga Run? by Bruce Grierson about a 93-year old track and field competito, r stands out as does a new biography of Paul McCartney, And then there are the oddities, such as a large print copy of the Official MTO Driver's Handbook. Something for every-

one indeed. See you at the library

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LOCALNEWS







Pharmacists A HEALTHY HEART IS A HAPPY HEART!

Daily physical activity is the regular use that your heart needs to continue functioning properly. According to Canada's Physical Activity Guidelines, adults 18-64 should be doing a total of at least 150 minutes of aerobic activity each week. Aim for about 30 minutes of exercise on most days of the week. Activities may include brisk walking, bike riding, dancing, or logging. The best way to get started is to incorporate physical activity into your daily routine. Take the dog for a brisk walk around the block, spend a day at the park with the family on the weekend, do some gardening, or maybe join a dance class and make some new friends too!

Along with a well-balanced diet and daily physical activity, your heart needs a check-up every once in a while. Your doctor can check your weight, blood pressure, cholesterol levels and blood sugar during an appointment to see that your heart is in good working order and may make recommendations to you based on the results

Drinking too much alcohol, smoking and high levels of stress can also have negative effects on the heart. If you drink alcohol, limit yourself to no more than two drinks a day for women or three drinks a day for men. If you are a smoker, the sooner you become smoke-free, the sooner your body will recover. Talk to your pharmacist about ways to kick the habit. Everyone experiences the feeling of being stressed at some point or another, but the key is how you handle it. It may be as simple as taking a few deep breaths for some people. while others may do daily meditation or practice your to remain stress-free. Taking time for yourself each day to do something you enjoy is another way of keeping your stress level to a minimum. Find a new hobby, activity or project that you might enjoy doing either on your own or with friends.

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Niagara Regional Police were called
to an apartment building in the downtown core of Niagara Falls July 24 and
found a dispute had occurred between
two female residents of the building

over a male tenant.
As a result of the argument, police

said, one woman entered the other's apartment and threw her cat off the

fifth floor balcony.

Niagara Falls Humane Society was called in and attempted to save the cat, however it later died of its inju-

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AUGUST 9

MEDITATION

at Pelham Public Library, Marcia leads you through different types of meditations, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Great for beginners and people who have meditated before. Bring a pen and notebook. Cost \$3; register ahead at 905-892-6443

AUGUST 12

USING MEDICATION SAFELY Whether you're on one medication

or many, find out from Shoppers Drug Mart pharmacist Frank Sicoli how to use medications safely. Find out what services are available for seniors and caregivers that can help you manage. His presentation is 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Pelham Public Library. Free. Register ahead at 905-892-6443.

AUGUST 13 **GRIMSBY BEACH THEN & NOW**

In 1859 a permanent Ontario

Methodist Camp Meeting Ground was created at Grimsby Beach. Its success led to the establishment of a whole community. John Allan, who bought a Victorian home there in 1967, will share his photos at Pelham Public Library at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$4. Register at 905-892-6443.

AUGUST 18

GIANT BOOK SALE

until Aug. 23 at Pelham Public Library, Books, puzzles, movies, software and much more. On the Saturday fill a grocery bag for \$2. Gently-used donations accepted all year. Musty books, encyclopedias, textbooks and magazines not accepted.

AUGUST 25

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2014 Peach Celebration Event Schedule Saturday, August 9 • 10 am • 5 pm • Queen Street • Niagarg-on-the-Lake

10:00 am: Peach Market ON OHEEN STREET Local arawers will be set up an Queen Street selling freshly-picked. Greenbelt-grown peoches, olongside churches and food vendors selling o variety of tasty peach-infused treats from ioms to pies. Browse the Merchant Sidewolk Sole.

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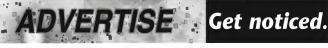
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